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News Highlights Jan. 25-31, 2013

Outer Banks Sentinel

'Birth of a Colony' documentary honored with an Emmy

A documentary film on North Carolina's early history earned a regional Emmy Award for Horizon Productions, which contracted with UNC-TV to produce "Birth of a Colony" examining the period from the Europeans' arrival to the end of the Tuscarora War in 1713. A history advisory panel for the film included Dr. Jeffrey Crow, then Cultural Resources' Deputy Secretary for Archives & History, and Michael Hill, supervisor of Archives & History's Research Branch. After the film was broadcast on UNC-TV, copies were distributed to schools across the state; the film is available to educators online, along with an educational guide. Read more [here](#); see the Horizon staff's acceptance speech at the Emmy ceremony [here](#).

News & Observer

African-American celebration ties in inauguration with Black History Month

The N.C. Museum of History is holding its 12th annual African-American Cultural Celebration on Saturday with more than 75 presenters (such as Tryon Palace's Jonkonnu troupe), and some will focus on the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation. This statewide lead-in to Black History Month in February is one of the museum's largest annual events. Each year's theme is different, and for 2013 it's the Emancipation Proclamation. Read more [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Triangle Business Journal

NC Arts council to offer grants

Listen up performing artists and groups -- the North Carolina Arts Council wants to support you, but you need to apply electronically before March 1 for grants this year to groups and artists who contribute to the economic, educational and cultural vitality of local communities. The Arts Council invested \$6.5 million in grants in all 100 North Carolina counties during the 2012-13 fiscal year. Read more [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

MSNBC

Cumberland County to hold Civil War quiz bowl

Civil War experts may want to march to the Cumberland County Public Library for a quiz bowl Thursday to mark the third year of North Carolina's commemoration of the war's 150th anniversary. The annual event, conducted by the Museum of the Cape Fear, is open to contestants of all ages. Read more [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

WGHP-TV

[Salisbury church standoff ends with arrest of NC man](#)

Church standoff ends with arrest of N.C. man (AP story)

Armed fugitive John Knox Bridges surrendered to police after a standoff at a Salisbury church he had been attending. The former Charlotte resident had been missing for two days, failing to attend a court hearing in Charlotte for sentencing in connection with stealing \$2.3 million from friends and nonprofit organizations; that amount included \$600,000 taken from the N.C. Transportation Museum Foundation while he served on the foundation's board. Read more [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

[N.C. Department of Cultural Resources Announces 'Black History Month' Activities in February 2013](#)

[Cultural Resources Attractions Celebrate Black History Month](#)

Black History Month is being observed throughout February at N.C. Department of Cultural Resources venues with programs ranging from escaping slavery to ocean rescuers, songs of freedom to sounds of cannons, and a barrier-breaking pilot to a day at the beach. See listings for all of the Department's events at www.ncculture.com, including a major conference about the work of escaped slave, author and abolitionist Harriet Jacobs at Historic Edenton on Feb. 9. Read more [here](#).

News14 Carolina

[Battleship North Carolina launches Sea Stories program](#)

Learn about life on the Battleship *North Carolina* without stepping on board. The site staff has launched a new blog, Sea Stories (seastories.battleshipnc.com), to keep her sailors' stories alive. At one point during World War II there were more than 2,300 men aboard the Battleship, and each had a story to tell. Sea Stories will explore life on a "City at Sea," from comedic entertainment to the disheartening loss of a fellow sailor. Read several versions [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#); read the News14 Carolina article [here](#) and view the video the cable network posted on all four of its regional websites.

UNC-TV

[North Carolina Now/Tuesday, January 29, 2013](#)

North Carolina Symphony President and CEO Sandi Macdonald is featured in the show's "Newsmaker" interview, discussing topics including how the Symphony has dealt with the economic downturn by using a "three-year financial turn-around plan." Watch the program [here](#); her interview begins at 18:01.

Kinston Free Press

[Staff discovers identity of cat on CSS Neuse](#)

This is a love story -- about a man and his cat. Charles E. Porter, a Confederate gunner on the CSS Neuse during the Civil War, penned a letter on March 8, 1864, to his future wife in Virginia to report that a redhead with magnificent gray eyes had stolen his heart. He announced that he was "engaged to a little Tar Heel girl" named "Miss Cathy Couber Grubble." But the feline relationship didn't last. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

Daily Advance (Elizabeth City)

13th Amendment: Celebrating a history of freedom

A display and lecture this weekend at the Museum of the Albemarle will celebrate the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation and the foundation it provided for the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, freeing more than 2 million slaves. One of 14 handwritten copies of the 13th Amendment will be on display in the Civil War exhibit "Under Two Flags." A lecture by Dr. Gerald J. Prokopowicz, an expert on President Abraham Lincoln, will focus on the origins of the amendment and why Lincoln was compelled to issue it to Congress. Read more [here](#) and see a photo of the document.

Winston-Salem Journal

SECCA sponsors mobile device contest

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art is offering a mobile-phone film competition called Mobile Media Mini Movies (M4). Anyone in the state can compete by creating a film on a mobile device such as a cell phone, mp3 player or tablet, and submitting it by March 31. The art museum will host a competition finale event at 7 p.m. April 11. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

AbsoluteArts.com

Art News: "0 to 60" Contemporary Art Exhibition Brings Together Modern Masterworks that Explore the Concept of Time

Highly regarded for bringing bold, contemporary art to the southeast, on March 24 the North Carolina Museum of Art will open a new exhibition showcasing the many ways contemporary artists explore the idea of "time" in their work. "0 to 60: The Experience of Time through Contemporary Art" is a collaborative, multimedia exhibition featuring important contemporary artists. Read more [here](#).